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SUBJECT: GOTG POSITION ON KOREA RESOLUTION BEFORE UNGA

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1. CHARGE SPOKE WITH FONMIN N'JIE SEPT. 1 CONCERNING HIS IMPRESSIONS RECENT NAM, AND KOREAN ITEM. N'JIE WAS RATHER ENCOURAGED BY RESULTS NAM, NOTABLY BECAUSE MODERATES STOOD UP FOR MORE TRULY NON-ALIGNED POSITIONS AND TOOK FORMAL EXCEPTION TO RADICALS ON SUCH ITEMS AS KOREA. CHARGE EXPRESSED APPRECIATION FOR GAMBIA'S SUPPORT ROK AT COLOMBO.

2. CONCERNING PROPOSED KOREA UNGA RESOLUTIONS, N'JIE APPARENTLY FAVORS GOTG CO-SPONSORSHIP FRIENDLY RES, AND WILL SO ADVISE PRESIDENT JAWARA. HE IS ALSO CONCERNED BY NORTH KOREAN PRESS CONFERENCE (REFTTEL), WHICH HE FEELS IS CLEAR BREACH OF HIS 1975 INSTRUCTIONS TO DPRK EMBASSY TO CEASE ATTACKS ON COUNTRIES WITH WHICH GAMBIA HAS FRIENDLY RELATIONS. FONMIN SAID HE WOULD REVIEW OUR PROTEST NOTE WITH PRESIDENT, WITH A VIEW TOWARD WARNING NORTH KOREANS AGAINST FURTHER ANTI-US PROPAGANDIZING. HOWEVER, FONMIN FRANKLY ADMITTED THAT THERE

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IS FACTION WITHIN GOTG MORE FAVORABLY INCLINED TOWARD DPRK,

WITH WHICH HE CONSTANTLY CONTENDING. HE SAID NORTH KOREANS
ARE ONLY FOREIGN REPS IN GAMBIA WHO TRY TO PLAY OFF ONE GROUP
AGAINST ANOTHER WITHIN GOTG.

3. CLEARLY, PRESIDENT JAWARA WILL MAKE KEY DECISION RE
CO-SPONSORSHIP OF FRIENDLY KOREAN RES, AS WELL AS OVERALL
KOREAN POSTURE GOTG DURING NEXT UNGA. SUGGEST DEPARTMENT MAY
WISH USE PRESIDENT JAWARA'S PRESENCE ON PRIVATE VISIT IN
NEW YORK, SEPT. 19-22, AS OPPORTUNITY FOR APPROPRIATE US OFFICIAL
TO DISCUSS KOREA WITH HIM, PERHAPS IN CONTEXT GENERAL TALK
ON INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS.
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